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The Honorable Jed S. Rakoff United States District Judge Southern District of New York 500 Pearl Street, Room 1340 New York, New York 10007

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Re:

United States v. Raymond Charles Albert,

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Dear Judge Rakoff:

The Government respectfully submits this letter to request an exclusion of time under the Speedy Trial Act in the above-referenced case.

Specifically, I have been informed by defense counsel that the initial conference in this case has been adjourned until June 4, 2007 at 12:00 p.m. The Government respectfully requests, with defense counsel's consent, that time be excluded for purposes of the Speedy Trial Act from today through and including June 4, 2007. The Government makes this request in order to permit the Government to collect and produce discovery and to provide the defendant an

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opportunity both to review discovery and to consider a possible disposition of the case. Therefore, the ends of justice served by excluding time under the Speedy Trial Act outweigh the best interest of the public and the defendant in a speedy trial. See 18 U.S.C. § 3161(h)(8).

Respectfully submitted,

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